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1. QUOTING FROM THE US WEEKLY "HUMAN EVENTS," A MAY 10 NCNA REPORT RMPHASIZES OPPOSITION TO PRM-31 AMONG "HARD-LINE FOREIGN POLICY SPECIALISTS WITHIN THE (CARTER) ADMINISTRATION" UNCONVINCED THAT FLOW OF US TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIET UNION IS IN THE LONG-TERM INTEREST OF THE US.

2. PARTY CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND HIS ENTOURAGE RETURNED TO PEKING BY RAIL ON THE MORNING OF MAY 11; THEY WERE MET AT THE PEKING RAILWAY STATION BY PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN YEH CHIEN-YING (WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A STAY IN CANTON), TENG HSIAO-PING AND WANG TUNG-HSING AND A HOST OF OTHERS. PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN LI HSIEN-NIEN, WHO HAD SEEN HUA OFF, WAS ABSENT FROM THE GATHERING. HUA HAD BEEN MET AT THE BORDER TOWN OF TANTUNG AND ACCOMPANIED TO SHENYANG BY POLITBURO MEMBER/SHENYANG MILITARY REGION COMMANDER LI TEH-SHENG AND LIAONING FIRST SECRETARY/SHENYANG POLITICAL COMMISSAR TSENG SHAO-SHAN. THE APPARENT COMERADERIE AMONG HUA, LI TEH-SHENG AND TSENG SHAO-SHAN WILL BE INTERPRETED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE CHINESE AS A SIGNAL THAT HUA CONTINUES TO PLACE HIS PRESTIGE BEHIND
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LEADERS SUSPECTED OF PREVIOUS LINKS WITH THE GANG OF FOUR.

3. CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG DELIVERED A "STRONG PROTEST" TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SATO ON MAY 10 AGAINST JAPAN'S "CONTINUED INFRINGEMENT ON CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY BY SUBMITTING THE SO-CALLED 'SPECIAL MEASURES ACT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAPAN-SOUTH KOREA AGREEMENT ON THE

JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF' FOR ADOPTION BY THE DIET." THE PROTEST WAS CHINA'S THIRD REGARDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT AND, WHILE CHARACTERIZED AS "STRONG" BY NCNA, WAS PRIVATELY DISMISSED BY JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICERS AS "FOR THE RECORD."

4. THE PRC HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL FRIENDSLY VISIT IN MID-MAY. THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS UNOFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT CEAUSESCU WILL ARRIVE ON MAY 15.

5. OFFICIAL PRC MEDIA THUS FAR HAVE IGNORED BLOCKING OF THE PROPOSED SALE BY DAEDALUS CORPORATION OF AIRBORNE GEOLOGICAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT. THE MAY 10 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS" PUBLISHED BY NCNA CARRIES A MAY 9 REUTER REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, WHICH NOTES THAT "THE DECISION REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF SEEKING INCREASED TRADE WIT CHINA...BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. THE ACTION...CAME LESS THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER SBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI WAS TO FLY TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS."

6. A LONG ARTICLE IN THE MAY 9 PEOPLE'S DAILY TOOK AIM AT THOSE STILL ENGAGED IN COVERING UP PAST TIES TO THE GANG OF FOUR AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE HESITANT AND FEARFUL ABOUT TENG HSIAO-PING'S POLICIES, SEEING THEM AS "IGNORING POLITICS" CONFIDENTIAL

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AND "REVISIONIST."

7. WANG PING-NAN, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, GAVE A BANQUET ON MAY 10 FOR THE CLARK KERR/JOHN STEWART SERVICE "AMERICAN STPTDGGROUP ON RELATIONS OF EDUCATION AND WORK" DELEGATION. WOODCOCK

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